

Registration

SBA respectfully requests that any elected or appointed representative of the tribal communities or principal of a tribally-owned or ANC-owned 8(a) firm that is interested in attending please pre-register in advance and indicate whether you would like to testify at the hearing. Registration requests should be received by SBA at least 5 business days prior to the tribal consultation meeting date. Please contact Ms. Delcine Montgomery of SBA's Office of Native American Affairs in writing at Delcine.Montgomery@SBA.gov or by facsimile to 202/481-1597. If you are interested in testifying please include the following information relating to the person testifying: Name, Organization affiliation, Address, Telephone number, E-mail address and Fax number. SBA will attempt to accommodate all interested parties that wish to present testimony. Based on the number of registrants it may be necessary to impose time limits to ensure that everyone who wishes to testify has the opportunity to do so. SBA will confirm in writing the registration of presenters and attendees.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Audit and Financial Management Advisory (AFMAC) Committee Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Appendix 2 of Title 5, United States Code, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the U.S. Small Business Administration, Audit and Financial Management Advisory AFMAC (Committee) will host a public meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 1 p.m. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Office of the Chief Financial Officer Conference Room, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the SBA's FY 2007 Financial Statements, FY 2007 Financial and Information Systems Audits, Credit Subsidy Modeling, FMFIA Assurance and A-123 Internal Control Program Results, FY 2007 Financial Report, FY 2007 Agency Performance Report and Information Systems Controls. The AFMAC was established by the Administrator of the SBA to provide recommendation and advice regarding the Agency's financial management, including the financial

reporting process, systems of internal controls, audit process and process for monitoring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Anyone wishing to attend must contact Jennifer Main in writing or by fax. Jennifer Main, Chief Financial Officer, 409 3rd Street, SW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416, phone: (202) 205-6449, fax: (202) 205-6969, e-mail: Jennifer.Main@sba.gov.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2007-0081]

Office of the Commissioner; Cost-of-Living Increase and Other Determinations for 2008

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commissioner has determined—

(1) A 2.3 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (the Act), effective for December 2007;

(2) An increase in the Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) monthly benefit amounts under title XVI of the Act for 2008 to \$637 for an eligible individual, \$956 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and \$319 for an essential person;

(3) The student earned income exclusion to be \$1,550 per month in 2008 but not more than \$6,240 in all of 2008;

(4) The dollar fee limit for services performed as a representative payee to be \$35 per month (\$68 per month in the case of a beneficiary who is disabled and has an alcoholism or drug addiction condition that leaves him or her incapable of managing benefits) in 2008;

(5) The dollar limit on the administrative-cost assessment charged to attorneys representing claimants to be \$79 in 2008;

(6) The national average wage index for 2006 to be \$38,651.41;

(7) The Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) contribution and benefit base to be \$102,000 for remuneration paid in 2008 and self-employment income earned in taxable years beginning in 2008;

(8) The monthly exempt amounts under the Social Security retirement earnings test for taxable years ending in calendar year 2008 to be \$1,130 and \$3,010;

(9) The dollar amounts ("bend points") used in the primary insurance amount benefit formula for workers who become eligible for benefits, or who die before becoming eligible, in 2008 to be \$711 and \$4,288;

(10) The dollar amounts ("bend points") used in the formula for computing maximum family benefits for workers who become eligible for benefits, or who die before becoming eligible, in 2008 to be \$909, \$1,312, and \$1,711;

(11) The amount of taxable earnings a person must have to be credited with a quarter of coverage in 2008 to be \$1,050;

(12) The "old-law" contribution and benefit base to be \$75,900 for 2008;

(13) The monthly amount deemed to constitute substantial gainful activity for statutorily blind individuals in 2008 to be \$1,570, and the corresponding amount for non-blind disabled persons to be \$940;

(14) The earnings threshold establishing a month as a part of a trial work period to be \$670 for 2008; and

(15) Coverage thresholds for 2008 to be \$1,600 for domestic workers and \$1,400 for election workers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey L. Kunkel, Office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3013. Information relating to this announcement is available on our Internet site at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/COLA/index.html>. For information on eligibility or claiming benefits, call 1-800-772-1213, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Act, the Commissioner must publish within 45 days after the close of the third calendar quarter of 2007 the benefit increase percentage and the revised table of "special minimum" benefits (section 215(i)(2)(D)). Also, the Commissioner must publish on or before November 1 the national average wage index for 2006 (section 215(a)(1)(D)), the OASDI fund ratio for 2007 (section 215(i)(2)(C)(ii)), the OASDI contribution and benefit base for 2008 (section 230(a)), the amount of earnings required to be credited with a quarter of coverage in 2008 (section 213(d)(2)), the monthly exempt amounts under the Social Security retirement earnings test for 2008 (section 203(f)(8)(A)), the formula for computing a primary insurance amount for workers who first become eligible for benefits or die in 2008 (section 215(a)(1)(D)), and the formula